ARCH ENEMY
WAR ETERNAL

TEMPORE NIHIL SANAT

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NOLI IGNOSCERE
NOLI OBLIVISCI
ODIRE HUMANUM EST

NEVER FORGIVE, NEVER FORGET

SEE THE WOLF IN SHEEP'S SKIN
WAITING IN THE SHADOWS
WATCHING, LEARNING
TOO BAD I DID NOT RECOGNIZE
THE DARK UNDERTOW
PULLING YOU AWAY
WE'VE BEEN INFILTRATED, IN FACT VIOLATED
CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED

HATE SPRINGS ETERNAL
IN THIS BLACK HEART OF MINE
TIME HEALS NOTHING
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE
NEVER FORGET

YOU SWALLOWED THE LIES
IN A SEARCH FOR INNER PEACE
WITH OPEN EARS AND EYES
COULD YOU NOT FEEL THE
THE DARK UNDERTOW
PULLING YOU DOWN
YOU'VE BEEN INFILTRATED, IN FACT VIOLATED
ULTIMATELY DESECRATED
WHEN THE DUST HAS SETTLED
I'LL WATCH YOU DROWN, DROWN IN YOUR REGRET

WAR ETERNAL

FRIEND OR FOE THERE'S NO WAY TO KNOW
IN THE BATTLEFIELD OF LIFE IT'S KILL OR BE KILLED
SO MANY TIMES IT'S A MATTER OF DEGREES
FROM BEING UP ON YOUR LUCK TO DOWN ON YOUR KNEES

IT'S A HELLISH INFERNO
THIS IS WAR ETERNAL
THEY TRY TO CHANGE YOU, CRUSH AND BREAK YOU

TRY TO TELL YOU WHAT TO DO
THEY LOVE TO HAVE CONTROL OF YOU
BACK AGAINST THE WALL
IN DANGER OF LOSING IT ALL
SEARCH DEEP INSIDE
REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

IT'S TIMES LIKE THESE WHEN LINES ARE DRAWN
WHICH SIDE OF THE FENCE ARE YOU STANDING ON?
THERE WILL COME A DAY NOT SO FAR AWAY
WHEN THE HUNTER BECOMES THE PREY AND YOU WILL PAY

IT'S A HELLISH INFERNO
THIS IS WAR ETERNAL

THIS IS FUCKING WAR!

MICHAEL AMOTT
Lead and rhythm guitar

AS THE PAGES BURN

AS THE PAGES BURN, SECRETS CAN'T BE UNLEARNED...
SILENCE CAN'T BE UNHEARD...

KNOWLEDGE IS BURDEN, POWER IS ONUS, AS THE PAGES BURN
YOUR MEMORIES FADE. FREED FROM THE GRIP OF REALITY,
REJECTING COGNITION... AS THE PAGES TURN
SINKING IN A POOL OF ETHER THE PAST IS WASHED CLEAN

RIP APART THE WORLD! WORD BY WORD... INCH BY INCH...
~~SEVER YOUR TIMELINE~~ SILENCE YOUR CONSCIENCE

SWEET AMNESIA!
HERE TO FREE YOU!
AS THE PAGES BURN

ALL YOUR TRIALS
SOLVED BY FIRE
AS THE PAGES BURN

AS SMOKE FILLS THE ROOM, SOON TO PASS... HEAVY GLOOM
THE WIND WILL WHISK AWAY THE PAST. A BLANK PAGE STARES AT YOU
NOTHING LEFT... WHERE TO START?
A SECOND CHANCE CARRIES EXPECTATION!
THE BOOKS YOU'D WRITTEN NO LONGER EXIST
THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR PEN - INK TO PAPER NOW BEGIN
REWRITING HISTORY STARTING NOW
ERASE THE MISERY... LET THE FLAMES EAT YOUR DOUBTS...

ALISSA WHITE-GLUZ
Vocals

NO MORE REGRETS

YOU CHOSE YOUR PATH.
DON'T SHIFT THE BLAME.
YOU RAN YOUR COURSE.
YOU LOST SIGHT OF YOUR AIM.

WRONG CHOICES LINGER,
LIKE SCARS REMAIN
LONG AFTER THE
BLEEDING STOPS.

THERE'S NOWHERE LEFT TO HIDE FROM
THE SHAME.

NEVER AGAIN.

NO! NO MORE REGRETS.
WHAT'S DONE IS DONE - CAN'T BE ERASED.
KNOW YOUR REGRETS... SAVOUR THE BITTER AFTERTASTE.

THE CRIPPLING GUILT, HOW HEAVY IT CAN BE.
WHEN SEARCHING FOR THE RIGHT WORDS
HOPING THE TRUTH WILL BRING YOU PEACE.
A LESSON LEARNED IS GOOD COMPANY
FOR THE LONELY ROAD YOU WALK
EACH STEP FORWARD - AGONY.

IT'S HARD TO BREATHE!
THOUGHT PROCESSES CRUSHING ME.
PURGE MISTAKES! STRIP THE MIND OF ITS DIGNITY
LIAR LIAR

ALL I KNOW IS BUT REGRET.
I CAN'T SHAKE THIS BITTER AFTERTASTE.

NICK CORDLE

Lead and rhythm guitar

YOU WILL KNOW MY NAME

THE JUDGING EYES WATCHING ME
IS ALL I'VE EVER KNOWN
WHEN I TRY TO OPEN UP MY HEART
I AM RIDICULED AND TORN APART
YOU TELL JOKES I'LL NEVER GET TO HEAR
BEHIND MY BACK, AT MY EXPENSE
THERE'S SOMETHING INSIDE ME AND I KNOW IT'S GOOD
I'M NOT EVIL, JUST MISUNDERSTOOD...

DO YOU SEE ME NOW?
DO YOU HEAR ME NOW
YOU WILL KNOW MY NAME
DO YOU SEE ME NOW!
DO YOU FEAR ME NOW?
YOU WILL KNOW MY NAME

NO LONGER INVISIBLE

TODAY I ~~KEEP~~ BREAK MY SILENCE...
STRIP YOU OF YOUR DIGNITY
TEAR DOWN YOUR PERFECT WORLD, YOUR PERFECT LIES
NO MORE JOKES I'LL NEVER GET TO HEAR
BEHIND MY BACK, AT MY EXPENSE
THERE'S SOMETHING INSIDE ME AND I KNOW IT'S GOOD
I'M NOT EVIL. I'M JUST MISUNDERSTOOD...

S H A R L E E D ' A N G E L O

Bass

STOLEN LIFE

EVERYTHING SO CLEAR NOW
IT'S WRITTEN ON YOUR FACE
IN A WORLD WITHIN A WORLD
I CAN SMELL THE BRIDGES BURN

SHARKS EVER CIRCLING
THEY NEVER GO AWAY
IN THESE DARK, MURKY WATERS
SO HARD TO NAVIGATE AND SO EASY TO HATE

PAINT ME BLACK, DEMONIZE ME, THIS IS HOW YOU PAY ME BACK?
DO YOU EVER REALLY KNOW SOMEONE
UNTIL YOU LOOK AWAY?

MISPLACED MY TRUST, ONLY TO LEARN...
HONESTY IS JUST A WORD

THIS IS A STOLEN LIFE
BEFORE YOU WALK AWAY
DON'T FORGET TO TURN THE KNIFE

WHAT'S NEXT, MORE BETRAYAL?
HAVE I NOT SUFFERED ENOUGH??
YOU MADE ME FEEL SO ALIVE
NOW YOU'RE JUST KILLING ME KILLING ME

CARVE AWAY THE ROTTEN FLESH
IT'S TIME TO BURN
STRIP AWAY THE DIRTY LIES
EXPOSE THE UGLY TRUTH...

DANIEL ERLANDSSON
Drums

TIME IS BLACK

FROM A DISTANCE, THE TRUTH IS SO OBVIOUS,
ANSWERS ARE ALL SO CLEAR.
LOGIC STAYS AT ARM'S LENGTH
WHEN ENGULFED IN THE PRESENT, HERE.
DESPERATION DRAWS NEAR...

IF I COULD PULL THE FABRIC OF TIME
AND BRING THE FUTURE NEAR,
THE ANSWERS WOULDN'T BE SO FAR
THE TRUTH WOULD BE SO CLEAR.

TIME IS BLACK
AND NOTHING WILL ESCAPE.
NOTHING WILL REMAIN.
NOTHING.

FROM A DISTANCE TIME IS BLACK,
TANGIBLE AND DENSE.
WITH EACH ROTATION A NEW DAY PASSED
AND PAST, AT LAST, MAKES SENSE.

THERE WHERE PAST OBSTACLES SEEM
JUST PEBBLES ON YOUR PATH
ALWAYS JUST A STEP AHEAD
THE PEACE I HOPE TO CATCH...

ON AND ON

WE WALK THROUGH WAR IN THE HALLS
OF DEAD PROTOCOLS.
WE CAME SO CLOSE, DEMANDS WERE MET.

THAT'S WHEN THE RUG WAS RIPPED OUT FROM UNDER OUR FEET
A VICIOUS CRIME . . . COLD RETRAYAL AND DECEIT.

THEN REALITY HITS YOU LIKE A STAB IN THE BACK
LIKE A SLAP IN THE FACE, A PREMEDITATED ATTACK.

ON AND ON.
THE BATTLE KNOWS NO VICTORY...
ON AND ON
WEAPONS HIGH — REJECT DEFEAT.

DECREPIT SMILES SHINE LIKE FIRES
LYING THROUGH THEIR TEETH.
IT'S A MEMORY YOU WANT TO FORGET...
FROM ONE SECOND TO ANOTHER THE WHOLE WORLD WENT UNDER.
THE FUTURE CUTS SO DEEP TANGIBILITY BLEEDS.

ON AND ON! UNTIL THE VICTORY IS DEAD AND GONE.
ON AND ON! KILL THE HISTORY, THE WRONG SIDE WON!

DON'T LET THE HISTORY REPEAT...

Dm G C F B♭ E A

AVALANCHE

A FISTFULL OF FEAR IN MY HANDS,
A BULLET OF BETRAYAL IN MY BRAIN.
NO PROGRESS COMES FROM PLEASURE,
WE SMILE IN IGNORANCE
AND LEARN IN PAIN.

WILLFUL DECEIT WAS YOUR PLAN.
DESPERATELY AVOID THE BLAME.
WHO WILL YOU ANSWER TO NOW?
SHARPENED YOUR SHOVELS JUST TO
DIG YOUR GRAVE.

STAND UP BECAUSE THE GROUND IS IN YOUR WAY...
I WON'T GIVE YOU ANY PEACE!

...YET STILL YOU TALK...
TRY TO FIGHT BUT I WILL WATCH YOU FALL!

THIS IS SWEET REVENGE,
AND KARMA'S A BITCH.
YOU GLUTTON FOR PUNISHMENT,
WHAT DID YOU EXPECT??

SICK! SICK! SICK! I'M SICK OF BEING YOUR MARTYR...
YOUR INFLATED EGO IS JUST DEAD WEIGHT.
BASK IN ALL THE EYES UPON YOU,
BEFORE YOU KNOW IT THEY'LL HAVE TURNED AWAY.

STAND UP AS THE WHOLE WORLD TURNS AWAY.
I WON'T GIVE YOU ANY PEACE!!!

WAIT AND SEE... CRY YOURSELF A LONESOME CREEK.
YOUR DECAYING CORPSE CAN FEED THE ROOTS OF MY TOWERING TREE.
WAIT AND SEE... YOU'RE DEAD TO ME.

YET STILL YOU SPEAK...
TRYING TO JUSTIFY WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO ME!?

DOWN TO NOTHING

THE LIGHT DWINDLES DOWN TO NOTHING
AS THE CANDLE SPUTTERS OUT
JUST BEYOND THE EBB AND FLOW
OF A DARK AND RESTLESS HEART

FAST verse

ALONE AGAIN -
FACING THE DEMONS
IN THIS HELL OF MY OWN MAKING

I WILL NOT LET THIS MOMENT
DEFINE WHO I AM

NOW YOU SEE ME, NOW YOU DON'T
I AM STRONG, ETERNAL
NOW YOU SEE ME, NOW YOU DON'T

LICKING THE WOUNDS NOW
I SHELTER IN THE MELODY
MY INK RUNS FROM BLACK TO RED
SCREAMING INTO THE VOID

SEEMINGLY ENDLESS...
LIKE THE WIND, THE STORMY SEAS
I HELD THE POISON, I HAD THE POWER
I WILL RETURN...

transpose...

2nd half melody

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